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PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for retail feature activity. Supplies were usually heavy. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were light. Inventories were moderate to heavy. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers. Range Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	39-48	43-45	
LARGE	39-47	41-44	22-29 24
MEDIUM	24-30	27-29	MEDIUM 7-11 9
			SMALL 2-4

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand continued to slowly improve in most areas and ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for a fair demand. Schedules were reported as usually normal. Spent hens were generally adequate for the moderate to fairly good demand. Processing schedules were noted as regular for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	44-58	47-51
LARGE	40-54	45-49
MEDIUM	25-38	30-32

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for retail feature activity. Supplies were usually heavy. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were light. Inventories were moderate to heavy. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46.5-55	48-51
LARGE	44.5-53	46-49
MEDIUM	28.5-37	30-33

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to mostly moderate, best where features were in progress or planned. Supplies were sufficient to available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the fair demand. Breaking schedules were noted as usually normal. Light type hens were generally sufficient for the moderate to fairly good demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal for next week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45.5-62.25	47-50
LARGE	44-59	45-48
MEDIUM	27.5-40	28-32

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices ended the week unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Retail demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate for present trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	54-58
LARGE	52-56
MEDIUM	37-41

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS Prices for all sizes were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was in a full range, slow to fairly good. Offerings were adequate to available.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-53	47-49
LARGE	44-52	45-48
MEDIUM	31-38	32-34

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WESTERN EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 45. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 89; smaller outlets- extra large dozen 77, 20 pack 2 for \$3, medium dozen 59.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	90
EXTRA LARGE	86
LARGE	79
MEDIUM	65

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	70-79
EXTRA LARGE	68-74
LARGE	66-69
MEDIUM	52-55

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	249-347
EXTRA LARGE	219-309
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	189-205

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand and offerings were light as the week comes to a close. Most breakers were reporting comfortable to ample inventories going into next week with little need to purchase additional breaking stock. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	26-28	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-19	13-15
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AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE, OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Demand was only fair as offerings were sufficient and consisting of both heavy and light weight eggs. Floor stocks were generally fully adequate for usually normal breaking schedules. Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 16-Oct-2004 were 1% higher than last week, and 12% higher than a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	24-29	25-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-18	13-16
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 16-OCT-04
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,332,046	30,912	13,550	7,120	2,497	4,549
PW	1,296,158	30,102	12,386	6,675	2,243	4,493
LY	1,217,401	30,792	10,632	5,762	2,286	4,102
% CHG PW	3	3	9	7	11	1
% CHG LY	9	0	27	24	9	11
2004	50,672,608	1,201,087	487,919	263,575	112,049	173,661
2003	47,960,443	1,170,664	436,626	237,454	96,712	172,009
% CHG YTD	6	3	12	11	16	1
			CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			WEEK	WEEK	YEAR	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)			42.14	41.40	42.13	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)			38.72	37.93	38.76	

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 45 to 49 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady to mostly steady for all liquid products. Demand was good for all products with liquid yolk demand reported as slowing slightly. Offerings continued adequate to ample, mostly fully adequate for all products with the exception of whites which were just adequate by the end of the week for next week's deliveries. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	5	28-28.5	28.40	-2.05
WHITES	15	30-32	30.13	.31
YOLKS	9	47-49	48.00	-1.63

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were lower on whole, higher on whites, and unchanged on yolks when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was somewhat steady on whites, usually about steady on yolk items, and still unsettled on whole. Supplies were clearing to available. Demand was slow to moderate. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 16-Oct-2004 were 13% more than the previous week, and 12% more than last year. Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
WHOLE	36-45	38-43	45-49
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		59-80
WHITES	40-48	43-45	49-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-64	56-59	63-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-59	54-56	59-65
(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.\			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices ranged 1 cent lower with whites unchanged. Frozen sugared yolk ranged irregular with salted yolk prices ranging unchanged to 1 cent lower. Trade sentiment was mostly steady at the current quoted range for all frozen products. Demand continued fairly good to good for all products with many buyers focusing on less than trucklot quantities of frozen products currently. Offerings were usually adequate with an occasional seller finding the need to run longer schedules to keep up with current demand. Breaking stock prices were unchanged for last week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	38-42	38-41
WHITES	43-45	44-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-61	59
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-57	55-56

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent lower on whole, unchanged on whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 10/16 was 2 percent more than the previous week. Frozen demand improved seasonally with freezer stocks ample. Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	44-47
WHITES	49-52
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-66
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly higher on yolks, but lower on balance of items when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate with buyers interest increasing. However, most traders were unaggressive and watching further market conditions. Supplies were balanced to available. Trade sentiment was unsettled to barely steady on albumen, cautiously steady on whole, and about steady on yolks. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 16-Oct-2004 were 11% more than the previous week, and 9% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 16% more than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.51-1.70	MOSTLY 1.55-1.65
YOLKS	1.35-1.60	MOSTLY 1.38-1.47
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.95-3.45	MOSTLY 3.10-3.25
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.40-1.70	MOSTLY 1.45-1.53

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT. 15, 2004-OCT. 21, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 73.25 **FUTURE LOADS** 25.50 **TOTAL LOADS** 98.75

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	23.00	—	23.50	25.00	—	—	6.00
GNR W 2	—	—	23.75	25.00	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	44.50	47.00	44.00	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	39.00	36.07	37.82	33.57	37.50	41.50
GL W LG	—	38.91	33.50	35.00	28.00	34.00	10.75
GL W MD	24.00	—	22.00	23.60	—	—	10.50
GL W SM	—	—	23.50	26.00	18.67	21.33	5.00
NRBS - 48	—	25.00	—	—	29.50	28.50	19.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	25.50	27.00	—	25.00	4.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.50	22.00	—	15.00	7.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W J	39.50	—	—	—	—	49.00	2.00
GL W XL	37.80	41.00	—	49.00	—	42.50	9.50
GL W LG	31.25	33.00	—	46.00	—	38.95	11.75
GL W MD	20.00	—	—	—	31.00	32.00	5.00
NRBS - 45	20.50	21.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 39	25.00	—	—	—	—	29.00	2.00

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL

WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand ranged moderate to fairly good with offerings of spent hens generally adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Opinions on removal costs were mostly steady. **RANGE MAJORITY**
REMOVAL COST 4-10 7-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Sales of spent hens for processing requirements were too few to report. Demand was light for at least adequate supplies of light fowl. Schedules were established to service a fair call for finished product. Salvage values were expected to remain constant. **RANGE MAJORITY**
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs ranged lower. Offerings were generally adequate for the fairly good to good demand. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment steady. **RANGE MAJORITY**
REMOVAL COST 0-7

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	49.00	47.00	31.00
SOUTHEAST	48.50	46.50	30.00
MIDWEST	44.00	42.50	28.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	49.50	47.50	31.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	47.81	45.93	30.16

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners; generally unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for light canners; fair to fairly good for heavies with the bulk of supplies being used internally. Offerings were clearing satisfactorily and were generally adequate to about adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady. CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
28-33 MAJORITY 28-29	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
29-34 MAJORITY 30-33	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 16-OCT-04
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,305	1,522	2,827
Last Week	1,270	1,512	2,782
Same week yr ago	1,164	1,378	2,542
To-date/2004	55,879	55,524	111,403
To-date/2003	60,301	57,796	118,097

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	82	0	82
Last Week	185	8	193
Same week yr ago	92	0	92
To-date/2004	9,723	99	9,822
To-date/2003	9,609	133	9,742

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	1,387	1,522	2,909
Last Week	1,455	1,520	2,975
Same week yr ago	1,256	1,378	2,634
To-date/2004	65,602	55,623	121,225
To-date/2003	69,910	57,929	127,839

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 09, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	144	459	12,719	13,223
Frozen	0	0	11	96
Dried	40	0	588	430
Total	184	459	13,318	13,749

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending October 09, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	46	55	6,929	4,500
Frozen	0	43	1,368	2,852
Dried	0	0	1,853	983
Total	46	98	10,150	8,335

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 09, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Jumbo	0	17	378	370
Extra Large	1,150	1,635	149,604	22,892
Large	4,667	3,960	306,266	93,016
Medium	1,104	525	100,302	48,342
Ungraded	9,720	10,718	252,162	148,228
Misc	0	0	16,790	13,442
Total	16,641	16,855	825,502	326,290

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS) **Processed other**

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM	10/18/04	3,547	171,090	62,853
AM	10/01/04	3,275	182,984	58,076
CHG		272	-11894	4777
PCT CHG		8%	-7%	8%

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

(In Units of 1,000)

	31-Aug	31-Aug	30-Sep	30-Sep
FROZEN EGGS:	2003	2004	2003	2004
Whites	2,680	2,722	2,657	3,029
Yolks	1,006	1,435	1,044	1,501
Whole & Mixed	11,195	9,605	10,374	10,551
Unclassified	3,163	3,505	2,565	3,624
Total Frozen Eggs	18,044	17,267	16,640	18,705

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

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PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	92	90	61	45
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	86-90	84-88	54-58	38-42
MOSTLY	88-89	86-87	56-57	40-41
RHODE ISLAND	91-95	89-93	60-64	44-48
MOSTLY	91	89	60	44
VERMONT	95-98	93-95	64-65	-
MOSTLY	95	93	64	-

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 16-Oct-2004

Selected	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
Consuming Centers	(Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	29.9	31.4	-5	20
Boston	3.2	3.4	-6	7
Chicago	62.6	60.6	3	34
Detroit	27.3	25.6	7	8
Kansas City	2.9	2.0	45	-65
Los Angeles	86.4	86.7	0	-6
New Orleans	8.2	9.6	-15	-10
New York	31.8	29.6	7	16
St. Louis	18.4	18.6	-1	19
San Francisco	19.8	19.8	0	-13
Total	290.5	287.3	1	6
4 Week Moving Avg.	283.5			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 16-Oct-04	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	234.4	-1	9
East North Central	539.5	-3	0
West North Central	278.4	-4	1
South Atlantic	217.3	-1	-3
South Central	68.8	5	-2
West	176.0	-14	-11
Total	1514.4	-4	0

Matched Plants reporting

Previous week 85

Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

CHICKENS AND EGGS

September Egg Production Up 3 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.32 billion during September 2004, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.26 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 996 million were broiler-type and 60 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2004 averaged 343 million, up 3 percent from a year earlier. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,133 eggs, up slightly from September 2003.

September 2004 and September 2003 both contained 22 weekdays, 4 Saturdays and 1 holiday.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2004, totaled 344 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 344 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.61 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2004, averaged 71.3 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.84 billion eggs during September 2004, up 3 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during September, at 321 million, was up 3 percent from a year ago.

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